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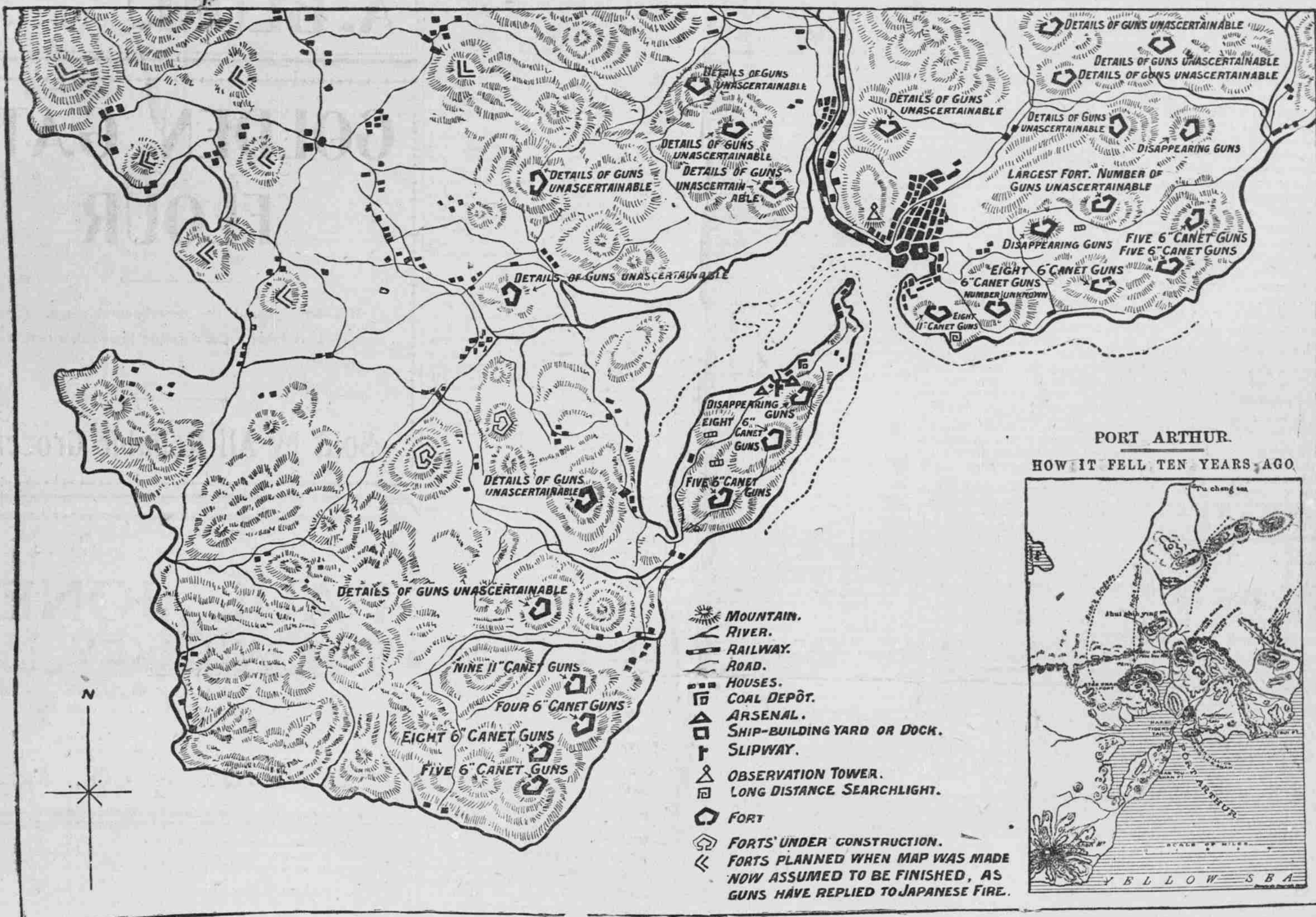
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PRICE FIVE CENTS.

RUSSIANS STAND BY THE PORT ARTHUR STORY

THE DEFENCES OF PORT ARTHUR.



PORT ARTHUR.
HOW IT FELL TEN YEARS AGO.



DID JAPANESE LOSE 25,000 MEN?

General Rennenkampf is Wounded in a Skirmish.



GEN. RENNENKAMPF.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAMS.)

TATCHEKIAO, July 16.—The latest reports are that the Japanese lost 25,000 and the Russians 5500 at the storming of Port Arthur on July 12.

ANOTHER NAVAL BATTLE.

LONDON, July 16.—A naval battle is reported at Port Arthur.

RUSSIAN FRICTION.

BERLIN, July 16.—Serious friction between Viceroy Alexieff and General Kuropatkin is reported.

GEN. RENNENKAMPF WOUNDED.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 16.—General Rennenkampf has been slightly wounded in a skirmish near Saimatsze. The Japanese are still entrenching south of Tatchekiao.

NEWS BOAT CAPTURED.

SHANGHAI, July 16.—The Chicago News boat Fawn has been seized by the Russians and towed into Port Arthur.

A SOLDIER'S BRAWL.

TIENTSIN, July 16.—Two Frenchmen were killed and others wounded, nine Japanese wounded and a policeman hurt in a soldier's brawl at Shanghai-Kwan. Bayonets were used.

Shanghai-Kwan is a seaport on the Gulf of Pechili. It is situated at the sea end of the Great Wall of China and is the gateway between China proper and Manchuria. China has maintained a large army, commanded by General Ma, at that point since the outbreak of the Russo-Japanese war. The forts are held by guards belonging to the different foreign powers which have been there since Shanghai-Kwan figured in the Boxer war of 1900.

AFTERNOON REPORT.

MUKDEN, July 15.—A Japanese loss of 2,000 is reported during the attack upon Port Arthur.

PARIS, July 15.—It is reported on apparently reliable authority that a submarine boat of American construction has arrived at the Russian navy headquarters at Cronstadt. It is said that more are expected.

TRAIN HELD UP.

OAKWOOD, Tex., July 16.—A passenger train was held up here last night, the express car dynamited and the locomotive fireman wounded.

CHINESE RULER'S HEALTH.

PEKING, July 16.—The reported illness of the Emperor is unconfirmed.

FOUR BUILDINGS UNDER CONTRACT.

Lucas Brothers have been awarded the contract for erecting four buildings upon the recent acquisition of land in extension of the experimental station of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association at Makiki. They are classed as the "main building," the "cane propagating house," and "two insectories. The contractors undertake to complete the work in sixty days, or by September 13.

Bids were opened at the office of O. G. Traphagan, architect of the proposed structures. Separate figures were given for the different classes above named, the total sums being as follows:

Lucas Brothers	\$ 9,718
John Onderkirk	10,233
Fred. Harrison	10,324
J. H. Craig	10,365

GAY MASKERS AT MOANA HOTEL. MERCHANTS TO THE RESCUE NOW

A Night of Revelry by Honolulu's Social Leaders. A Spirited Meeting to Help This City's Business.

Merry maskers paraded before Her Majesty Queen Liliuokalani and the Prince and Princess Kawanakoa last night at the Moana Hotel where midsummer revels were held in honor of Miss Louise Bradley and Miss Bessie Bradley of California. Gay and bright were the costumes and laughter and fun resounded throughout the ballroom and lanais from 10 o'clock to an early hour this morning. As a fashionable affair the masquerade was the social success of the season and its elaborate attention to detail surpassed anything yet given.

From clowns and jesters to American bluejackets, Othellos and Desdemonas to lilies and many other flowers, demure little Bo Peeps to Mestizos and French dolls, cowboys from Hawaii and the Rockies to Yellow Kids, the list of maskers ranged through a wonderful variety of detail. Many there were whose disguises were so perfect as not to be penetrated, while with others there was seemingly little or no at-

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An important meeting of the Merchants' Association was held yesterday afternoon when matters affecting vital trade interests of the territory, the present business depression, loss of population and discrimination of steamship companies against Hawaii were considered and discussed. The meeting was largely attended, almost every business house of consequence being represented, and nearly every one participated in the debate.

The transportation and shipping report by the association's special committee, published in the Advertiser on Thursday, was the nucleus of discussion and as a result a strong committee will confer with the agents of the steamship companies and others interested in an effort to obtain relief for the community in general.

The local quartermaster's department of the United States army came in for criticism it being asserted that many people not connected with the army or navy have been in the habit of buying

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